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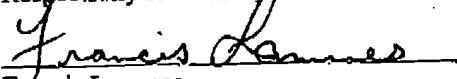
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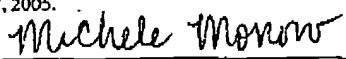
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**APPEAL BRIEF (37 C.F.R. 41.37)**

This brief is in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal, filed in this case on January 5, 2005.

The fees required under § 41.20(B)(2), and any required petition for extension of time for filing this brief and fees therefore, are dealt with in the accompanying TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF.

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**REAL PARTY IN INTEREST**

The real party in interest in this appeal is the following party: International Business Machines Corporation.

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RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

With respect to other appeals or interferences that will directly affect, or be directly affected by, or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal, there are no such appeals or interferences.

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**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

**A. TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS IN APPLICATION**

Claims in the application are: 1-29

**B. STATUS OF ALL THE CLAIMS IN APPLICATION**

1. Claims canceled: NONE
2. Claims withdrawn from consideration but not canceled: NONE
3. Claims pending: 1-29
4. Claims allowed: NONE
5. Claims rejected: 1-29
6. Claims objected to: NONE\*

\* The Advisory Action dated January 21, 2005 indicates that the Appellants' Response filed December 6, 2004 overcomes the 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph rejection. Thus, Appellants' assume the objection to the amendments filed on July 16, 2004 under 35 U.S.C. § 132 is also overcome. That is, the objection under 35 U.S.C. § 132 was to the same subject matter rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph.

**C. CLAIMS ON APPEAL**

The claims on appeal are: 1-29

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**STATUS OF AMENDMENTS**

There are no amendments after the final rejection.

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**SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER*****Independent claim 1:***

The presently claimed invention provides a system for providing dynamically shared documents. (Specification, page 2, lines 8-10) The present invention comprises a hub, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network. (Specification, page 4, lines 24-48) The present invention comprises a plurality of computing devices in physical proximity with the hub. (Specification, page 7, line 30 to page 8, line 5) Wherein each of the plurality of computing devices communicates with the hub via only a wireless connection. (Specification, page 8, lines 6-9) The hub receives and retransmits requested documents between selected computing devices of the plurality of computing devices. (Specification, page 8, line 28 to page 9, line 4) Each of the plurality of computing devices translates each requested document into a system independent language prior to transmitting the requested document to the hub. (Specification, page 9, lines 4-7) Each of the plurality of computing devices translates each received document from the hub. (Specification, page 9, lines 7-11)

***Independent claims 11, 15, and 19:***

The presently claimed invention provides a method, computer program product and system for retrieving documents from other data processing systems. (Specification, page 18, line 29 to page 19, line 1) The present invention sends, from a first data processing system, a request, in a system independent language, for a shared document from a second data processing system to a hub in close proximity to the first and second data processing systems via only a wireless communication signal, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network. (Specification, page 18, line 29 to page 19, line 1). The present invention receives, from the hub, via only the wireless communication link, the shared document, formatted in the system independent language. (Specification, page 19, lines 6-7). The present invention translates the shared document from the system independent language into a first data processing system preferred data format for presentation to a user. (Specification, page 19, lines 7-13).